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Amendments

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (cancelled)
2. (cancelled)
3. (cancelled)
4. (cancelled)
5. (currently amended) A hydrostatic drive device, comprising:

a hydrostatic transmission mounted in a housing, wherein the hydrostatic transmission comprises:

a center section mounted entirely within the housing and having a pump running surface, a motor running surface and hydraulic porting formed therein,

a rotatable hydraulic pump block ~~mounted~~ located on the pump running surface of the center section; and

a rotatable hydraulic motor block ~~mounted~~ located on the motor running surface of the center section;

a pump shaft extending into the housing to drive the pump block;

a mounting flange located on the housing for connecting the housing to a separate axle driving apparatus; and

an output shaft driven by the hydrostatic transmission and extending out of the housing and through the mounting flange, wherein the longitudinal axis of the output shaft is